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FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2009, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.